



**RCA
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 17
AGENDA DATE: Thu 12/02/2004
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SUBJECT: Approve negotiation and execution of a Parkland Improvement Agreement with the Friends of Deep Eddy, Inc. (Friends) to allow the Friends to repair and renovate the historic Deep Eddy bathhouse.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$40,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Approved Operating Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department. All additional costs to be paid for by the Friends of Deep Eddy, Inc.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

REQUESTING Parks and Recreation **DIRECTOR'S**
DEPARTMENT: **AUTHORIZATION:** Warren Struss

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PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

The Friends of Deep Eddy, Inc. (Friends), a Texas nonprofit corporation, was formed for the purpose of promoting the use and maintenance of Deep Eddy pool and bathhouse. Friends and the Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) have prepared a Preservation Plan for the historic bathhouse to bring the entire structure back to its original configuration, and into compliance with current regulations. PARD has approved the Preservation Plan. Only about one-third of the building is in use currently, with the remainder in disrepair. In 1961 the first Nature Center was created by enclosing the original women's changing area and exterior patio, and incorporating the covered entry area. The original men's changing area was subdivided into the current men's and women's changing areas. When the new Nature Center was built in Zilker Park in the 1980's, the Deep Eddy center fell into disuse. In 2001 PARD had the dilapidated 1960's additions removed in anticipation of restoring the bathhouse.

Friends have been raising funds through special events for several years, and have raised adequate funds to begin the renovation project. Recently, the Friends were awarded a Landmark Commission grant and Friends are now prepared to make improvements to the original tiered, entry area roof as a first phase. Subsequent phases will be undertaken only upon approval by PARD to proceed. Upon completion of the bathhouse improvements and their approval by the City, they will become the responsibility of the City to operate and maintain.